

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SERIAL NUMBER	REQUEST DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
10/633,177	1/11/05	KEVIN GORDON	STE-023.01

Title: **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR WELDING OF PARTS**

Art Unit	Paper Number
----------	--------------

Correspondence Address:  
JEFFREY M. SEARS  
FOLEY HOAG LLP  
155 SEAPORT BLVD.  
BOSTON, MA. 02210

Licensee under 35 U.S.C. 184 is hereby granted to file in any foreign country a patent application and any amendments thereto corresponding to the subject matter of this U.S. application identified above and/or any material accompanying the petition. This license is conditioned upon modification of any applicable secrecy order and is subject to revocation without notice.

License Number: 534,963  
Grant Date: 02-Aug-05

**This license is granted retroactively to the date(s) and the country(s) indicated on the attached decision.**

Approved:

  
for Commissioner of Patents and Trademark

This license empowers the filing, the causation and the authorization of the filing of a foreign application or applications on the subject matter identified above, subsequent forwarding of all duplicate and formal papers and the prosecution of such application or applications.

This license does not empower the filing of any applications, amendments, supplements or continuances originating in this country which disclose inventions, modifications, or variations not disclosed in the subject matter identified above.

This license is to be retained by the licensee and may be used at anytime on or after the date thereof. This license is not retroactive unless specifically indicated.

The grant of this license does not in any way lessen the responsibility of the licensee for the security of the subject matter as imposed by any Government contract or the provisions of existing laws relating to espionage and the national security or the export of technical data. Licensees should apprise themselves of current regulations, especially with respect to certain countries, of other agencies, particularly the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury; Office of Munitions Control, Department of State (with respect to Arms, Munitions and Implements of War); the Bureau of Trade Regulation, Office of Export Administration, Department of Commerce; and the Department of Energy.

**LICENSE FOR FOREIGN FILING**

[Title 35, United States Code (1952) Sections 184, 185, 186]



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231  
www.uspto.gov

In re: GORDON :DECISION ON REQUEST  
Petition No.: 10/633,177 :UNDER 37 CFR 5.25  
Petition Filing Date: 11 January 2005  
Docket Number: STE-023.01

Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR WELDING OF PARTS

This is a decision on the petition for retroactive foreign filing license.

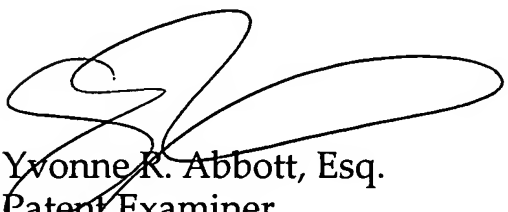
It has been determined that a retroactive license for foreign filing under 35 U.S.C. 184 be granted with respect to the filing(s) listed below. The petition complies with 37 C.F.R. 5.25 in that there is an adequate showing that the subject matter in question was not under secrecy order, that the license was diligently sought, and that the material was filed abroad without the required license under 37 C.F.R 5.11 through error and without deceptive intent.

**Foreign Filing Location**

**Date**

-----  
Germany  
Germany  
Canada  
Mexico

-----  
30 April 2003  
27 May 2003  
19 August 2003  
25 September 2003

  
Yvonne R. Abbott, Esq.  
Patent Examiner  
Licensing & Review  
(571) 272-6896

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kevin Gordon )

Serial No.: 10/633,177 )

Group Art Unit: 1734 )

Filed: August 1, 2003 )

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned )

For: Systems and Methods for Welding of Parts )

Attorney Docket No.: STE-023.01

**PETITION FOR RETROACTIVE FOREIGN FILING LICENSE  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§ 5.14(a) AND 5.25**

Mail Stop Petition  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 5.14(a) and 5.25, Applicant hereby petitions for a foreign filing license retroactive to April 30, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 5.25(a)(1)-(4), Applicant declares:

1. A foreign filing license was granted in the present application on October 29, 2003.
2. A first application directed to the invention of the present application was filed in Germany on April 30, 2003 and assigned German serial number 10319797.4.
3. A second application directed to the invention of the present application was filed in Germany on May 27, 2003 and assigned German serial number 10324094.2.
4. A third application directed to the invention of the present application was filed in Canada on August 19, 2003 and assigned Canadian serial number 2437647.

RECEIVED  
JAN 14 2005  
LICENSING & REVIEW

5. A fourth application directed to the invention of the present application was filed in Mexico on September 25, 2003 and assigned Mexican serial number 2003/008724.

6. The subject matter of the present application was not under a secrecy order at the time the applications referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 were filed in Germany.

7. The subject matter of the present application was not under a secrecy order at the time the application referred to in paragraph 4 was filed in Canada.

8. The subject matter of the present application was not under a secrecy order at the time the application referred to in paragraph 5 was filed in Mexico.

9. The subject matter of the present application is not currently under a secrecy order.

10. Applicant's Attorney first became aware of the proscribed nature of the applications referred to in paragraphs 2-5 on or about December 1, 2003. Specifically, Applicant's Attorney first became aware on or about December 1, 2003 that the invention of the present application and the applications referred to in paragraphs 2-5 was made in the United States.

11. As stated in the accompanying Affidavit of Dipl.-Phys. Dr. H.-H. Stoffregen, the applications referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 were filed through error and without deceptive intent.

12. The applications referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 were filed through error and without deceptive intent by Applicant's Attorney. At the time of filing the applications, Applicant's Attorney was not aware of the proscribed nature of the applications referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5. Specifically, at the time of filing the applications, Applicant's Attorney was not aware that the invention of the present application and the applications referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 was made in the United States.

13. Based on paragraphs 1-12 herein and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17(h) and 5.25(a)(4), Applicant provides a petition fee in the amount of \$130.00.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that a foreign filing license retroactive to April 30, 2003 be granted in the present application.

Applicant's Attorney does not believe that any additional extension of time or any additional fees are required for consideration of this paper, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. Should any additional extension of time or additional fees be required for timely consideration of this paper, however, Applicants' Attorney hereby petitions for same and requests that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1448, Reference STE-023.01.

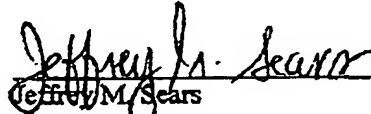
Further, Applicants' Attorney hereby authorizes the Commissioner to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 06-1448, Reference STE-023.01.

Respectfully submitted,  
FOLEY HOAG LLP

Date:

12/14/03

Customer No. 25,181  
Patent Group  
Foley Hoag LLP  
155 Seaport Blvd.  
Boston, MA 02210  
Tel: (617) 832-3022  
Fax: (617) 832-7000

  
Jeffrey M. Sears  
Reg. No. 48,440  
Attorney for the Applicant